

MAYOR & COUNCIL AGENDA COVER SHEET

MEETING DATE:

October 16, 2006

CALL TO PODIUM:

Crystal Carr

RESPONSIBLE STAFF:

Crystal Carr

AGENDA ITEM:

(please check one)

	Presentation
	Proclamation/Certificate
	Appointment
	Public Hearing
	Historic District
	Consent Item
	Ordinance
X	Resolution
	Policy Discussion
	Work Session Discussion Item
	Other:

PUBLIC HEARING HISTORY:

(Please complete this section if agenda item is a public hearing)

Introduced	
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Hearing Date	
Record Held Open	
Policy Discussion	

TITLE:

Resolution of the Mayor and City Council to Join a Partnership Sponsored by the National League of Cities, Affirming our Commitment to Inclusion as a Fundamental Aspect of our Community

SUPPORTING BACKGROUND:

At the request of Council Member Sesma, staff reviewed the National League of Cities' *Partnership For Working Toward Inclusive Communities* initiative.

The City offers valuable programs and services through its departments and committees that reinforce principles of inclusion. Examples include the Department of Parks, Recreation and Culture's incorporation of CHARACTER COUNTS! into their sports programs, the Police Department's Community Outreach and Neighborhood Watch programs, and the initiatives of the City's Multicultural Affairs, CHARACTER COUNTS!, Education, and Community Advisory Board committees.

This partnership will offer the opportunity to celebrate and nationally publicize City programs and services that promote inclusion, equal opportunity, fairness, citizen participation, and engagement. Further, the partnership provides a mechanism for sharing valuable insights, experiences, and lessons learned among participating cities and towns.

It is recommended that the City of Gaithersburg issue a resolution to join the 105 partners in 33 states, representing over 10 million people, in building inclusive communities.

DESIRED OUTCOME:

Vote on Resolution

RESOLUTION NO. _____

RESOLUTION OF THE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL TO JOIN THE "PARTNERSHIP
FOR WORKING TOWARD INCLUSIVE COMMUNITIES" AND TO AFFIRM OUR
COMMITMENT TO INCLUSION AS A FUNDAMENTAL ASPECT OF OUR COMMUNITY

WHEREAS, the City of Gaithersburg is committed to inclusion as a fundamental aspect of our community; and

WHEREAS, local elected officials can and should lead the way forward in making inclusiveness a priority in America's cities and towns; and

WHEREAS, the National League of Cities has designed the Partnership for Working Toward Inclusive Communities to support cities and towns in their commitment of inclusion; and

WHEREAS, the National League of Cities and its members believe an inclusive community promotes equal opportunity, fairness, citizen participation and engagement; and

WHEREAS, the National League of Cities President James C. Hunt, Councilmember, Clarksburg, West Virginia, has invited local officials to join the Partnership for Working Toward Inclusive Communities and to make a commitment to building more inclusive communities in their own cities and town:

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the City of Gaithersburg hereby affirms our commitment to inclusion as a fundamental aspect of our community, pledges active efforts to seek to achieve that goal, and urges all citizens of Gaithersburg to join together to support this effort.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, by the Mayor and City Council, that the City of Gaithersburg joins the National League of Cities Partnership for Working Toward Inclusive Communities.

ADOPTED by the City Council this 16th day of October, 2006.

SIDNEY A. KATZ, MAYOR and
President of the Council

THIS IS TO CERTIFY that the foregoing
Resolution was adopted by the City Council
in public meeting assembled on the 16th
day of October, 2006.

David B. Humpton, City Manager